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There are very few areas within the Draft EIR/EIS that comment on fire hazards due to the increased public use of the canyon. Since facts are not stated in the document, I can only assume that the increased fire risks are great! It was commented by Mike Lynch of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, at the November 7, 2001 informational meeting that the American River confluence area has a major fire every three to four years. Whereas the unpopulated reach of the canyon near the dam site experienced its first major fire last year, since about 1977. I interpret this to mean that the populated areas of the canyon experience fires about six to eight times as frequently as non-populated areas. This seems like a VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT to the homeowners in my neighborhood, who were just reminded of the local fire danger about a year ago.

Obviously, a method to minimize the fire hazard with this reach of the canyon is to eliminate public vehicular access into the recreational area. I request that public vehicular access into the canyon remain prohibited at the project site, just as it currently is. This action will help protect homeowners who live on the edge of the canyon from future fires.

- 2) A comprehensive fire prevention and suppression plan is to be completed prior too opening the area for public use, as stated in the environmental document. Since many activities will occur during construction that may result in increased fire hazards, it seems prudent that the fire prevention and suppression plan be completed and implemented prior to beginning construction. Of course, I assume that the local fire districts and CDF will be instrumental in preparing and implementing this comprehensive fire prevention and suppression plan.

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- 3) The proposed project is to create two entrances into the canyon, by either Maidu Drive or Pacific Avenue, as stated in the Draft EIR/EIS. Access to the Pump Station is to be through the Pacific Avenue entrance. I understand that this component of the project will require some new road construction from approximately the tunnel portal to the pump station. Public access to the river is currently thought to be via Maidu Drive. This access will also require some road construction.

I recommend, that if it is determined to allow public vehicular access into the canyon, that all access is through only one entrance at Pacific Street. Pacific Street currently has a lower Average Daily Traffic (ADT) than Maidu Drive, and is used to access several other recreational areas, such as Railhead Park, the Auburn Dam Overlook, the new skateboard park, the Western States 100 trail, and the future camping area near the American River Canyon Overlook. In addition, "residences exist along Maidu Drive but not along Pacific Avenue" (as per page 3-288 of the DEIR/DEIS). Therefore, there is a greater impact to Maidu Drive properties then to Pacific Avenue when considering access into the canyon.

In order to access the two proposed parking lots from a Pacific Avenue entrance, roadway improvements will be required at the location of the existing temporary roadway and the

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C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

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Dam keyway. I understand that at this location, a substandard roadway width exists, as well as an unacceptable horizontal curve. Construction costs to improve this condition are minimal when compared to the \$31 million project cost. Furthermore, this option will continue to hold the quality of life benefits of the residences off of Maidu Drive.

I request that if it is determined to allow public vehicular access into the canyon, the option of using only a Pacific Avenue entrance be further studied and reported on in the Final EIR/EIS. I also request that the Maidu Avenue access into the recreational area be eliminated from the Final EIR/EIS.

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- 4) Section 3.14.2.5 Environmental Protection and Mitigation Measures, of the Draft EIR/EIS states that "Pacific Avenue would not be used for construction related traffic". This indicates that during the construction period, all traffic is to use the Maidu entrance. Because of the points presented in item 3 above, I am opposed to the use of Maidu Drive as a construction entrance to the project.

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- 5) The Draft EIR/EIS states that the estimated vehicle trips per day into the recreation area are 210. This is based upon the use of 70 spaces with only half the spaces being used by two vehicles per day. My opinion is that this estimate on a peak recreational day is extremely low. It was even stated by Jim Micheals, of the California Department of Parks and Recreation, at the November 7, 2001 informational meeting that this may be a low figure. The traffic data should be reanalyzed so that more accurate numbers can be reported on in the Final EIR/EIS.

Section 3.14.1.1 of the Draft EIR/EIS reports on ADT volumes for Highway 49, and the intersection of Auburn-Folsom Road and Maidu Drive. However, the document does not address what the current ADT is on Maidu Drive, nor is the Level of Service (LOS) reported on. With this in mind, how can the proponents of the project possibly state that the impact significance on Maidu Drive due to increased traffic levels is "Less than Significant"? It appears that not enough factual information is known. I request that this information be reported on in the Final EIR/EIS, and the option of using Maidu Drive as a vehicular entrance into the recreation area is removed.

If you should have any questions regarding my comments on the Draft EIR/EIS, please feel free to contact me. I also request that I be informed of any future public meetings on this project. Please send me a copy of the Final EIR/EIS, and a Record of Decision upon completion of those documents.

Sincerely,



Steven L. Hiatt P.E.

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D. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

E. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

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PCWA AMERICAN RIVER PUMP STATION AND RIVER RESTORATION PROJECT
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NAME:	Bryan + Michelle Cooke
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CITY/STATE/ZIP:	Oakland, Ca 95603
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ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	
COMMENTS:	
<p>We understand the need to put in a new pumping station, and your desire to return the river to its natural flow. However, using Maiden Drive as an entrance for a recreational area is not acceptable. There is another alternative for a finished entrance site with less impact to surrounding homes on Pacific. It would be fine for the construction trucks to access the construction site via Maiden due to cost and the weight of the trucks, but Pacific should be used as the best alternative for light vehicle traffic as there would be considerably less of an impact on the residents. We do not wish to have a Douglas Blvd / Johnson Lake entrance problem in our community. Why not just use your money to make Battleground Bar more user friendly?</p>	

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- A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features and Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

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NAME:	Marianne E. Rose
ADDRESS:	1825 Vista Del Lago
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	Auburn, Ca 95603
BUSINESS AND/OR HOME PHONE/FAX:	(530) 889-1954
ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	n/a
COMMENTS:	
<p>Having attended a meeting this past Wednesday night 11/7/01, listed are my main concerns regarding the proposed project "American River Restoration". There are many concerns, one is making this a recreation facility and having the entrance on Maidu Drive just below my home. The increase in traffic for one is not desirable, as they stated 70 cars will be allowed to park, but what about the ones who do not get in and park along Maidu Drive??</p> <p>FIRE IS A BIG CONCERN.... Nothing has been done to this BLM land in 20 years. The underbrush is horrible. We are in eminent danger of a fire, and adding the public to this area, just makes it worse. A fire can come up the canyon and destroy this entire housing area. What is worse is the fact that there are not too many outlets if a fire does come up the canyon, so not only are we in danger to getting out, but so is the public all trying to get out on Maidu.</p> <p>Then there is the problem of littering. Once you get a group of people in an area, there is debris. The rangers cannot keep our national parks how is one ranger going to keep this area from vandalism, or any other crime. Our homes are in danger.</p> <p>No other alternative was recommended. Just Maidu. Why? There are other areas that could be considered, one being Pacifica street. There are no private homes in that area, not like it is off of Maidu.</p> <p>Maidu drive is inadequate to accommodate that much traffic. There is a new housing development off of Maidu with 27 new homes, dumping</p>	

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A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.9, Fire Management.

C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

D. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

C | out on Maidu. Not to mention the Skyridge school. Little kids cross our streets everyday, it is a danger to them.

You cannot get out and make a left turn on Auburn Folsom Road. Think of the traffic on a weekend turning on Maidu to go to this facility.

E | Why when we have the Folsom Dam so close by do we need public facilities in our neighborhood. The lobbyists from the rafters ~~much~~ have put up a lot of bucks to push this through.

And who will be responsible to police the area if this is a Federal area???

I feel you can do a better job of relocating this idea. I am definitely against it and will be writing my congressman, senator, etc.

Sincerely,



Marianne E. Rose
1825 Vista Del Lago
Auburn, Ca 95603

E. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

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DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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BUSINESS AND/OR HOME PHONE/FAX:	530-889-9269
ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	
COMMENTS:	
<p>The addition of recreational parking essentially changes a quiet suburban neighborhood into a through road for commercial zones. A projected vehicle increase of over 210 trips per day is a whopping 10-15% more than just statistically significant. Considering the numbers of children and others crossing Maiden + walking or biking in the area, we would certainly be opposed to an increase in traffic and presence of outsiders.</p> <p>It is in everyone's best interest to use the established route on Pacific St. I would not be too concerned about campers in that area being disturbed by traffic noise - I imagine that many of them would be those very persons driving through our neighborhood to find access here. Perhaps having everyone in that proximity would make oversight and cleanup more effective and less costly for all citizens.</p>	

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- A. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features. CDPR is not proposing or permitting commercial rafting use in this section of the river, as part of this project.
- B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.
- C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

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NAME:	Eugene F. HANSEN
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CITY/STATE/ZIP:	Auburn CA 95603
BUSINESS AND/OR HOME PHONE/FAX:	530 885 4856
ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	

COMMENTS:

① The Neighbor impact information packet, which you should have a copy, certainly lays the issues on the line. They are absolutely correct and I support them.

② A factor neglected is that in the 1960s original proposal for a bridge not considered here & will increase traffic unaccounted.

③ the loud voices for Save our Canyon are probably a small vocal minority OVERLOOKING the advantages of a lake to have more recreation available to MORE people than a canyon which older or infirm find it difficult.

④ I fear camping in a residential area is just asking for problems.

⑤ SAVE OUR BEAUTIFUL TOWN.

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A. Comment noted.

B. Comment noted.

C. The Proposed Project would not include any provisions for overnight parking or camping. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

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NAME:	Jill Sweeney
ADDRESS:	580 Perkins Way
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BUSINESS AND/OR HOME PHONE/FAX:	925-875-1887 fax 530-895-6786 home
ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	

COMMENTS:

We live on the corner of Main and Berlin, We are against the proposed use of Main as an access road for the American River restoration project and park facility in the Canyon below our neighborhood. The increase in traffic behind our home would make the noise level unbearable and the increase in air pollution is a health concern to my family. We have two small children who attend Skyridge elementary and the increase in traffic is a serious safety risk to our children. We do not want to see an increase in litter and river pollution from all of the tourist that will be traveling to the park. We would like to see Pacific Ave

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used as the access point. Jill Sweeney

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B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.6, Public River Access Features.

C. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.

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NAME:	Eric Christopher Sweeney
ADDRESS:	580 Perkins Way
CITY/STATE/ZIP:	Auburn Ca 95603
BUSINESS AND/OR HOME PHONE/FAX:	
ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE):	
COMMENTS:	
<p>My Family's house is located on the corner of Maiden and Berlin, we hear and feel every vehical that uses Maiden road. We are against the use of Maiden for access to the American River. We believe the EIS is incomplete, Our Neighbor hood is a peaceful environment and the addition of a local park access to the American River will introduce a negative impact on our neighborhood. Furthermore if the intental project is to restore the river to natural flow and condition before the dam project then the park and parking lots should be omitted. We are concerned with the safety of the neighborhood children including our own with the increased traffic, noise and non-residential traffic that will be viewing our Neighborhood. In 2000 we had a fire in the Canyon below our Neighborhood and an increase in River and Canyon use will increase Fire Danger. The EIS does not address the fire concerns that will arise during the construction of the project. A more indepth study is needed on the use of Pacific st. for the Entrance to the Park and River. The well being of the Residents along Maiden must be addressed if the project is to be worthwhile and successful.</p> <p>Thank you Eric Sweeney</p>	

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B. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.5, Project Area River Restoration.

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D. Please refer to Master Response 3.1.10, Project Access.